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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - US/GOA TALKS

REF: B.A. 3181, STATE 100767

1. PRESIDENT ON MAY 7 SENT FOLLOWING LETTER TO CHAIRMAN
CAB:

QUOTE. I HAVE REVIEWED PURSUANT TO SECTION 801(A) OF THE
FEDERAL AVIATION ACT AND SECTION 213.3(D) OF THE
BOARD'S ECONOMIC REGULATIONS, 14CFR SECTION 213.3(D), THE
BOARD'S PROPOSED ORDER IN DOCKET 24248 DISAPPROVING THE
MODIFIED SCHEDULE FILED BY AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS ON
APRIL 9, 1975. THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION WOULD ADD A STOP
IN LIMA, PERU, ON AN EXISTING BUENOS AIRES-BOGOTA-MEXICO
CITY-LOS ANGELES AND RETURN FLIGHT.

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I AM STAYING THE ORDER FOR REASONS OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. WHILE I AM SYMPATHETIC WITH THE ATTEMPT TO PREVENT FOREIGN AIRLINES FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF RESTRICTIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU HAS IMPOSED ON UNITED STATES FLAG OPERATIONS, SUCH ACTION SHOULD BE DELAYED PENDING UPCOMING TALKS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA. UNQUOTE.

EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE TO GOA ASAP:

QUOTE. EMBASSY REFERS TO NOTE 221 OF JANUARY 31 CONCERNING COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ARGENTINA AND TO INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN RECENT MONTHS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY AND THIS EMBASSY.

ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO HAVE UNFULFILLED RIGHTS STEMMING FROM THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF DECEMBER 1972, WHICH UNDER ITS OWN TERMS WOULD HAVE NOW EXPIRED, IT IS WILLING TO COUNTENANCE CONTINUATION OF THE STATUS QUO FOR THE TIME BEING. HOWEVER IN VIEW OF THE CLARIFICATION WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS AND IN LIGHT OF THE INTEREST IN EARLY CONSULTATIONS RECENTLY EXPRESSED BY FONMIN VIGNES TO SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, THE USG IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S SUGGESTION THAT FORMAL CONSULTATIONS BE HELD. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SUGGESTS THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS BE HELD IN WASHINGTON BEGINNING JUNE 16.

IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS TO EXTEND A FIFTH ROUNDTRIP FLIGHT TO MONTEVIDEO AS A TERMINAL POINT AS PROVIDED IN PAN AMERICAN'S CURRENT PERMITS, AND TO MAKE A CHANGE OF GAUGE AT CARACAS (VICE PANAMA) ON ONE OF ITS AUTHORIZED FREQUENCIES. THE USG WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA OF THIS UNDERSTANDING. UNQUOTE.

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3. IN DELIVERING NOTE, EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO MAKE AVAILABLE TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER PARA 1 ABOVE.

4. RE DATE FOR TALKS, WE ARE PROPOSING JUNE 16 BECAUSE OF SCHEDULE CONFLICTS AND DESIRE PROVIDE ADEQUATE TIME FOR PREPARATION. IF DATE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, WE WILL CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE DATE GOA MAY SUGGEST.

5. RE SITE FOR TALKS, WE APPRECIATE FACTORS FAVORING
BUENOS AIRES, BUT PERSONNEL AND SCHEDULING CONSIDERATIONS
WOULD MAKE THIS DIFFICULT. EMBASSY MAY ALSO NOTE THAT,
WHILE LAST ROUND WAS IN WASHINGTON, TWO PREVIOUS ROUNDS
WERE IN BUENOS AIRES. KISSINGER

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